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FM AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 5415

INFO AMEMBASSY AMMAN

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C O N F I D E N T I A L TEL AVIV 0632

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: INFORMATION MINISTER YARIV ANNOUNCES HIS RESIGNATION

1. ISRAEL RADIO THIS MORNING CARRIES ANNOUNCEMENT BY INFORMATION MINISTER YARIV INFORMING PRIME MINISTER OF HIS RESIGNATION FROM CABINET. RESIGNATION WILL GO INTO EFFECT IN 48 HOURS. IN HIS LETTER OF RESIGNATION, YARIV STATED THAT REASONS FOR HIS RESIGNATION WERE (A) GOI'S WORKING METHODS WERE NOT APPROPRIATE TO NATIONAL REQUIREMENTS AND (B) THERE WAS NO NEED FOR AN INFORMATION MINISTRY.

2. HAARETZ MILITARY CORRESPONDENT SCHIFF HAS GIVEN US FOLLOWING PRE-LIMINARY ASSESSMENT OF MOTIVATIONS FOR YARIV'S RESIGNATION. YARIV HAS BEEN DISAPPOINTED BY HIS EXCLUSION FROM INNER CIRCLE OF DECISION MAKERS. RABIN AND HE DISAGREED ON GOI POLICY ON PLO ISSUE AND ON QUESTION OF NATIONAL UNITY GOVERNMENT. FINALLY, YARIV PERHAPS BELIEVES THAT THERE MAY BE A POLITICAL REALIGNMENT IN NEAR FUTURE WHICH WOULD PERMIT HIM TO RETURN TO MORE SIGNIFICANT POSITION.

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3. COMMENT: WE BELIEVE THAT ABOVE ASSESSMENT IS ESSENTIALLY CORRECT. YARIV'S DIASSATISFACTION HAS BEEN AN OPEN SECRET IN ISRAELI POLITICAL CIRCLES AND SPECULATION ABOUT HIS IMPENDING RESIGNATION HAS BEEN RIFE FOR SEVERAL MONTHS. YARIV'S GAFFE LAST NOVEMBER ABOUT SECRETARY'S MIDDLE EAST TRAVEL PLANS, APPARENTLY A RESULT OF HIS EXCLUSION FROM INNER CIRCLES, ALSO DAMAGED HIS CREDIBILITY (TEL AVIV 6493).

WE BELIEVE THAT RABIN WILL BE IN NO GREAT RUSH TO FILL VACANCY, AND WILL ASSESS HIS INTERNAL FACTIONAL REQUIREMENTS IN DISTRIBUTING PORTFOLIOS AS WELL AS INSTRINSIC VALUE OF MINISTRY BEFORE REACHING A DECISION. ACCORDING TO ISRAEL RADIO, YARIV IS SCHEDULED TO HOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE LATER TODAY.
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